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1. Troops observed in the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27), between 5 and 10 November 1951, wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. [redacted] only small groups of soldiers engaged in training. Twelve men practiced with three ZIS-3 76.2-mm artillery pieces on 10 November. [redacted]

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2. A march column which left the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Leipziger Strasse on 8 November consisted of a 12-piece band, 18 officers and 338 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three march columns were seen returning toward the barracks installations from the cemetery between 1 and 2 p.m. on the same day. The first column had already gone past source, but the second column consisted of a 10-piece band, 20 officers and 280 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and the third column of a 10-piece band, about 50 officers, about 280 EM and 2 women in uniform. *

Comment. [redacted] components of the 13d (Gds) Gun Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army and components of the 38th (?) AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps which are carried in the two barracks installations. The three march columns were probably artillery battalions of one regiment of these brigades. [redacted] estimated the number of troops in each barracks installation at about 800 in mid-October 1951. [redacted]

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